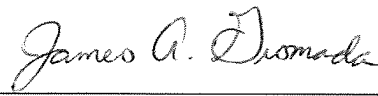


## **II. Remarks**

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 10-12 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Claim 1 is independent.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Gromada". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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